

# MAL EASON UNPOPULAR AS UMPIRE ALWAYS AGAINST THE HOME TEAM

His Decisions Anger the Fans, But They Cannot Help Praising Him for His Honesty—Heine Groh Is Puzzler at Bat—Has Baker Gone Back As Batter Is Question Many Fans Are Asking.

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NEW YORK, June 15.—Mal Eason is the most unpopular umpire in the big leagues. All around the fence circuit the natives single out Mal as the particular target of their boos and jeers. Everywhere they call him "the worst umpire." But Mal, of boy, isn't losing any sleep over it.

The fact that he is so thoroughly honest and just in his decisions, and so fearless of consequences, has made Eason hated by the home fans. In this era there are some umpires known as "home umpires," fellows who occasionally decide a play of close nature, in favor of the home team. But Mal is not one of those. In fact, it often seems to spectators that Mal gives the visiting team the shake.

It requires iron nerve and a nature calloused to boos and hisses to decide against the home team on a play where a decision either way would seem to be fair. Mal Eason is such a man. No matter how hostile the crowd, Mal rules as his judgment dictates, and unfortunately for his popularity, he rules against the home team with considerable regularity.

For an umpire to favor the home team on one of those draw plays when a huge crowd is present, seems only human. But Mal sizes up as inhuman in this respect. Time and again he has ruled against the natives when it seemed to the folks in the

# GREAT OARSMAN QUILTS THE GAME

Courtney, Cornell's Wizard Must Retire Because of Fractured Skull.

New York, June 14.—The retirement of Charles E. Courtney, for many years crew coach at Cornell University, marks an epoch in American intercollegiate rowing and the first break in the trio of coaches who have made Cornell victorious in recent years on water, track and gridiron. No coach ever achieved greater fame in his chosen line of athletic instruction or developed winning combinations with greater frequency and consistency than Courtney. While he will still be available in an advisory capacity and has a worthy successor in John Hoyle, should the Cornell authorities decide to continue the latter in his present capacity, the dean of all

crew mentors has hung up his coaching megaphone for the last time. Courtney's retirement was not entirely unexpected for the "Old Man," as he has been affectionately termed at Ithaca for some years, has been in poor health since he sustained a fractured skull on June 12, 1915. The accident occurred while he was en route to Poughkeepsie with the Cornell crew and was caused by Courtney being thrown violently against a berth following a lurch of the fast traveling train. The Cornell coach has been under the care of physicians ever since and, while his condition has improved to some extent, the word has gone forth that he must give up further coaching and spend the rest of his life quietly.

## In Fined For Life.

Born in 1848, Courtney is in his 63th year and after his many seasons of competition as an amateur and professional oarsman and his later reign as coach at Cornell, his friends and medical advisors feel that he has richly earned the quiet and retirement which

let loose the ball, and the sudden "dervish" of the Reding is disconcerting to the bulk of pitchers. Furthermore, Heinie varies his tactics by jumping around a bit before the delivery is made. Often he jumps at the ball before his whirl is completed and the moundman never is sure as to just where to shoot the ball to fool Heinie, because he is just as likely to be at the breaking point of the pellet as not.

## Has Baker Gone Back?

Did the year's layoff dim the batting eye of J. Franklin Baker? The batting to date of the "Home Run King" has been disappointing to the Yankee fans. And it has surprised

the American league enthusiasts. Baker was a consistent .300 hitter when with the Athletics. He used to bang them to all portions of the lot—and frequently out of it.

But Baker, after a fair getaway this season, slumped. He bunched into a vacuum for a while. Since then he has been smashing them with a fair degree of regularity—but not in the same way as of old.

Bill Donovan, the Yankee manager, is one of those, however, who feel that Baker is still there—that he is rounding too slowly, but surely. "Baker is just starting now," said Donovan. "In another month, he will be breezing along as of old. The old boy is still there—and he will demonstrate it before the season is out."

he requires. Thanks to the generosity of the Cornell alumni and undergraduates, Courtney is removed from any financial worries or cares. His own outright a handsome home and grounds at Ithaca, overlooking Cayuga lake, the gift of Cornell men, in addition to a comfortable competency. There he will be found in future ready to advise and assist from his great store of rowing knowledge and experience, those who will take up the burden he has laid down.

## Good Judge of Material.

Courtney has always been a wonderful judge of rowing material even in the rough and although strict and severe at all times, would spend hours with embryo oarsmen who showed promise and a desire to learn the art of sweep rowing. He would never brook interference from any quarter during the rowing season and never forgave those candidates who broke training. Time and again Courtney has thrown a man or a whole crew out of the shell because they violated his rules and they never came back. In rowing, he was an autocrat and martinet, but he produced results; had the support of the faculty, alumni and student body at Cornell and it will be hard to replace the "Old Man" in the affection of those connected with the Ithaca university or in his role as a coaching wizard.

## A Great Oarsman.

Courtney's standing and effectiveness as a coach were not the only claims he had for prominence in the rowing world. In early life as an amateur he won 38 events without suffering a single defeat. Later as a professional he won 29 contests and lost only seven. Truly a wonderful record. Before he

was out of his teens Courtney had successfully competed in rowing regattas, but it was at Saratoga Springs in 1873 that he won his first great victory. That was on September 11, when he captured the Senior Sculls event in 14:15. Two years later he duplicated this victory at Troy, N. Y., and the year following at Philadelphia, he and his club-mate Robinson of the Union Springs Boat club won the National Double Sculls repeating their winning of the same event at Troy, N. Y., the previous year.

## SOCCER CHAMPIONS

## WILL NOT GO ABOARD

Bethlehem, Pa., June 15.—The Bethlehem Steel company has decided that it will not take the chance of sending its champion soccer team across the ocean to Norway and Sweden in these war time to play a series of games with eleven in those countries. Therefore the Sweden Football association was cabled that its invitation would not be accepted, although that organization had posted \$4000 in this country to defray expenses.

## ARRESTED TWICE ON CHARGE OF DISTURBING PEACE IN JAIL

One hour after he had been arrested on South 2d street on a charge of fighting and released on bond, P. Harris was rearrested on a charge of disturbing the peace at his home in East El Paso.

Harris was arrested about 8:20 o'clock, following an alleged fight with a man giving the name of Tim Hanrahan, on South 2d street, and was released on a small bond.

His second arrest resulted in his detention in jail.

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# Sassing the Umpire Proves Costly For "Wild Bill" Donovan

Detroit, Mich., June 15.—Manager Donovan of the New York American league club was notified by president Johnson, Wednesday, that he had been suspended for three days by reason of his argument with umpire Chitt in Monday's game between Detroit and New York.

## BISHOP SCHULER MARCHES IN PARADE WITH COLUMBUS KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus who marched in the preparedness parade drew additional inspiration from the presence of their most distinguished brother knight, the Rt. Rev. A. J. Schuler, Catholic bishop of the diocese of El Paso, said F. X. Farmer, who was the commander of the knights in the parade. "Bishop Schuler declared that in so patriotic a cause, he was as well able to march as anyone. The knights had 157 men in the line."

## MAKES EFFORT TO SELL WICKER CHAIR, ARRESTED

Pending investigation of the ownership of a wicker chair which he was attempting to sell, Rafael Rivas is being held in the city jail on a charge of theft under \$50.

Rivas was arrested late Wednesday night in front of a residence at 1621 Magoffin avenue, after he had tried to sell a rocking chair to a number of persons.

## TRANSFER WAGON DAMAGED BY AUTOMOBILE HITTING IT

A transfer wagon was damaged Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock when it was struck by a touring car on Magoffin avenue, near the intersection of the Texas & Pacific railway tracks. Neither the identity of the driver of the automobile or wagon are known. The accident was said to be unavoidable.

# BASEBALL RESULTS

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES.

## League Standings.

American League.			
W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Cleveland	21	.528	Win
New York	25	.523	Win
Washington	26	.521	Loss
Detroit	28	.520	Win
Boston	29	.519	Win
Chicago	30	.518	Win
St. Louis	32	.517	Win
Philadelphia	33	.516	Win

## National League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Brooklyn	29	.528	Win
Philadelphia	30	.527	Win
New York	31	.526	Win
Chicago	32	.525	Win
Cincinnati	33	.524	Win
Boston	34	.523	Win
Pittsburgh	35	.522	Win
St. Louis	36	.521	Win

## Texas League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Waco	25	.528	Win
Fort Worth	26	.527	Win
Shreveport	27	.526	Win
Houston	28	.525	Win
Dallas	29	.524	Win
Galveston	30	.523	Win
San Antonio	31	.522	Win
Beaumont	32	.521	Win

## Pacific Coast League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Vernon	41	.528	Win
San Francisco	42	.527	Win
Los Angeles	43	.526	Win
Salt Lake	44	.525	Win
Oakland	45	.524	Win
Portland	46	.523	Win

## Western League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Omaha	25	.528	Win
Lincoln	26	.527	Win
Des Moines	27	.526	Win
Denver	28	.525	Win
St. Joseph	29	.524	Win
Columbia	30	.523	Win
Sioux City	31	.522	Win

## American Association.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Indianapolis	29	.528	Win
Kansas City	30	.527	Win
Louisville	31	.526	Win
Minneapolis	32	.525	Win
Columbus	33	.524	Win
Toledo	34	.523	Win
St. Paul	35	.522	Win
Milwaukee	36	.521	Win

## Southern Association.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
New Orleans	24	.528	Win
Nashville	25	.527	Win
Atlanta	26	.526	Win
Chattanooga	27	.525	Win
Little Rock	28	.524	Win
Birmingham	29	.523	Win
Mobile	30	.522	Win
Memphis	31	.521	Win

## American League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At Chicago	330	.528	Win
Washington	331	.527	Win
Chicago	332	.526	Win
Batteries: Washington, Johnson and Schalk.			

## At Detroit.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
New York	333	.528	Win
Detroit	334	.527	Win
Batteries: New York, Mogridge, Fisher, Russell and Walters; Detroit, Coveleskie and Stange.			

## At St. Louis.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Boston	335	.528	Win
St. Louis	336	.527	Win
Batteries: Boston, May, Sherr, Foster and Cady; St. Louis, Wellman, McCabe, Groom and Severoid.			

## No other game were scheduled.

## National League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At New York	337	.528	Win
Chicago	338	.527	Win
New York	339	.526	Win
Batteries: Chicago, Lavender and Archer; New York, Mathewson and Rariden.			

## At Brooklyn.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
St. Louis	340	.528	Win
Brooklyn	341	.527	Win
Batteries: St. Louis, Ames, Jasper and Snyder; Brooklyn, Coombs, Marquard and Miller, Meyers.			

## At Boston.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Cincinnati	342	.528	Win
Boston	343	.527	Win
Batteries: Cincinnati, Mitchell and Wingo; Boston, Ragan and Transue.			

## At Philadelphia.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Pittsburgh	344	.528	Win
Philadelphia	345	.527	Win
Batteries: Pittsburgh, Jacobs and Schmidt; Philadelphia, Hixey and Klittner.			

## Texas League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At Dallas	346	.528	Win
Dallas	347	.527	Win
San Antonio	348	.526	Win
Batteries: Dallas, Cooley and Smith; San Antonio, Ogle and Cook.			

## At Shreveport.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Shreveport	349	.528	Win
Houston	350	.527	Win
Batteries: Shreveport, Leavelle and Smith; Houston, Dickson and Jenkins.			

## At Waco.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Waco	351	.528	Win
Galveston	352	.527	Win
Batteries: Waco, Zinn and Kelly; Galveston, Karr and Noyes.			

## Second game.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Waco	353	.528	Win
Galveston	354	.527	Win
Batteries: Waco, Casey and Kahn; Galveston, Dasher, Barfoot and Wilson.			

## At Ft. Worth.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Fort Worth	355	.528	Win
Beaumont	356	.527	Win
Batteries: Ft. Worth, Harrah, Trotter and Betts; Beaumont, Troutman and Boba.			

## Coast League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At Los Angeles	357	.528	Win
San Francisco	358	.527	Win
Los Angeles	359	.526	Win
Batteries: San Francisco, Hann and Brooks; Los Angeles, Ryan and Baughman.			

## At San Francisco.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Salt Lake	360	.528	Win
Oakland	361	.527	Win
Batteries: Salt Lake, Fittery and Yarn; Oakland, Higginbotham and H. Elliott.			

## At Portland.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
Vernon	362	.528	Win
Portland	363	.527	Win
Batteries: Vernon, E. Johnson, Hess and Spencer; Portland, Houck, Williams and Fisher.			

## Western League.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At Topeka	364	.528	Win
Omaha	365	.527	Win
Batteries: Topeka, O'Toole and Krueger; Omaha, Hamling, West and Monroe, Snow.			

## Only one game scheduled.

## American Association.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At Milwaukee	366	.528	Win
Minneapolis	367	.527	Win
Batteries: Milwaukee, Toledo-Milwaukee game postponed; rain.			

## At Minneapolis.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At Kansas City	368	.528	Win
St. Paul	369	.527	Win
Batteries: Kansas City, H. Elliott and P. Elliott.			

## Southern Association.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At Atlanta	370	.528	Win
At Birmingham	371	.527	Win
Batteries: Atlanta, Little Rock 2.			

## At Mobile.

W.	L.	Pct.	If Today
At Newark	372	.528	Win
At Newark	373	.527	Win
Batteries: Newark, N. J.—Tale & Friction 2.			

## College Games.

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